

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 1, 2008 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action Claims 1, 3-9, 30, 38 and 40 have been rejected. In addition, Claims 12-20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 31, 37, 39, 41 and 42 have been allowed. The Applicants have amended Claims . Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph Rejection

Claims 1, 3-9, 30, 38 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was allegedly not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution, Claim 1 has been amended to include “the first and second moveable portions including pads configured to be selectively moved toward and away each other.” Support for this amendment is found in Paragraph 0048 of Applicant’s specification. Additionally, support for the “moveable portions” in Claim 1 is found in paragraph 0045-0047 of Applicant’s specification. For at least these reasons, Claim 1 is fully supported by the specification and allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-9, 30, 38 and 40 are also allowable for being dependent on an allowable base claim. Thus, allowance of Claims 3-9, 30, 38 and 40 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this reply is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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